

# The Lord's Promises to Abraham and Sarah

Choose one of the following passages and its accompanying context to study. Prepare to share:

- A summary of your verses.
- Words or phrases that you feel would be good to mark and why.
- Truths you learned about the Lord from the passage and the context.

## 1. Genesis 15:1–6

Context: Abram was over 75 years old at the time of this vision (see Genesis 12:4). The closest person Abram had to a child was a servant who was born in his house.

## 2. Genesis 17:15–21

Context: After the Lord had promised children to Abram in his old age (see Genesis 15:4–5), Sarai and Abram were still unable to have children. The Lord commanded Abram to marry Sarai's servant Hagar. Hagar gave birth to Abram's first son, Ishmael, when Abram was 86 years old (see Genesis 16:3, 16; Doctrine and Covenants 132:34). Abram and Sarai may have felt that the Lord's promise of posterity was fulfilled through the birth of Ishmael.

## 3. Genesis 18:9–14

Context: The Lord sent three messengers to visit Abraham and Sarah. The Lord had previously told Abraham that Sarah, who was around 90 years old at the time, would have a son (see Genesis 17:16–19). Upon hearing the messengers repeat this promise to Abraham, Sarah laughed to herself in disbelief (see Genesis 18:12).